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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C., BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E. C., SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street, AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney, SAN FRANCISCO:—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco, CHINA:—SWATOW, QUELCH & CAMPBELL, AMoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & CO., FOOKLOU, HEDGE & CO., SHANGHAI, LAKE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, MANILA, C. HEMMELIN & CO., Macao, L. A. DA GRACA.

## BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 200,000 Dollars.

## COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—E. R. BELLINGER, Esq. Deputy Chairman—AD. ANDRE, Esq. J. F. COUBES, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. A. MCALISTER, Esq.

## ACT. CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, EWAN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

### INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

### ON Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " 12 " 5 per cent. "

### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Acting Chief Manager. Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorized to sign for us by Procurator.

We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

### NOTICE.

MR. LUDWIG SIEGMUND LÜTTENS is authorized to sign our Firm per Procurator.

W. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBECHT VON PUSTAU, Junr., is authorized to sign our Firm.

W. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, December 23, 1876. fe1

### NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the Name or Style of H. KLEER & Co.

H. KLEER. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of the late Dr. J. C. KREUZ ceased with his death at Yokohama on the 27th of August last, and the Business will be carried on as heretofore and under the same Style and Firm by our Mr. H. KUHN MANN.

Mr. RICHARD SCHÖNBERGER has been authorized to sign the Firm.

KRUSE & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

MR. H. C. EBDMANN has been admitted a Partner in our Firm, and Mr. ALFRED HERTON has been authorized to sign for us per Procurator.

CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. On and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. ORUICKSHANK, Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the Firm of G. RAYNAL & Co. at this Port, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

GUSTAV RAYNAL, OAKL MILISCH. Macao, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Viscount de CERCAR in our Firm ceased from the 1st April 1876.

A. A. DE MELO & Co. Macao, January 1, 1877. fe5

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. ALFRED HERTON in our Firm Ceased on the 26th February 1876.

DEACON & Co. Canton, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the Firm of MERRIN & HUTCH has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

O. J. MESTERN, W. HULSE. Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHARLES BEWICK QUELCH in our Firm Ceased on the 30th September, 1876.

The Business will be Continued under the Style of CAMPBELL & Co.

QUELCH & CAMPBELL. Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

THE Firm of J. D. MEYER & FEIRS will from this Date be carried on as heretofore under the Style of

J. D. MEYER & Co. Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

### NOTICE.

MR. H. EBELL has this Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at Swatow and Hoihow, which in future will be carried on under the Name or Style of "HERTON, EBELL & Co."

EDWARD HERTON. Swatow-Hoihow, January 1, 1877. fe19

### Intimations.

## HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road, NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS, &c., &c., &c., Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876. fe1

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-first Ordinary Half-yearly

MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 38, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, the 16th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 16th February, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, January 19, 1877. fe16

MACAO HOTEL, PRAYA GRANDE, MACAO.

On the 20th Instant, a First Class HOTEL will be OPENED, under the above title, in Spacious, Commodious, and well-furnished Premises on the Praya Grande.

Every attention will be paid to the comfort of Visitors.

Wines, Spirits and Eatables of the best quality only supplied. Terms moderate.

J. P. DE CAMPOS, Proprietor. Macao, January 8, 1877. fe23

P. F. DA SILVA, GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, TAIPO AND TAIWANPO.

## Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & CO.'S CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints.

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

THE MEDICAL HALL,

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

THE KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap23

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876. ap23

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-first Ordinary Half-yearly

MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the City Hall, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 25th January instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of the Accounts, and electing Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary. Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja25

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary. Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja25

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary Half-yearly

MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the City Hall, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 25th January instant, at 2 o

## Intimations.

## NEARLY READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT.—Part I, A to K, with Introduction, Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D., Tübingen.

Price: TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF.  
To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE  
DE 1878.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the CONSULATE all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,

G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.

Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

## AFONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;

and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
OF RUSSIA,

Wynham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLOTH,  
HAS on hand the Largest and Best  
collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of  
assorted sizes, Photographic enlarged from  
G. D. V. size to life size and coloured in  
oil. A new apparatus for Photography has  
been received from England: he is prepared  
to take Photos of Buildings and Interiors  
at the shortest distance.

Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

## AH YON,

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND  
STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF  
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH  
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S  
STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

TUBORG'S FABRIKKE R  
DANISH BEER.

To be had from

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
Hongkong, January 16, 1877. ja12

## Notices to Consignees

GERMAN STEAMER CASSANDRA,  
LANGER, Master, FROM HAMBURG  
via SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
Steamer are hereby informed that  
their Goods are being landed and stored  
at their risk in the Godowns of the  
Undersigned, from whence delivery may be  
obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of  
their Goods from the Boats alongside the  
Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 24th  
Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary is given until Noon  
To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
WM. PUSTAU & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 17, 1877. ja24

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE

THE S. S. Glengoy having arrived from  
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo  
are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and stored at their risk in the  
Under-signed, into their Godowns, whence and or  
from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be  
obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent out to  
Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is  
given before 4 p.m. To-day.

Goods remaining in Godown after the  
25th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned  
by the Under-signed.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
Agents S. S. Glengoy.

Hongkong, January 18, 1877. ja25

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. CO.'S S. S. LOMBARDY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-  
named Vessel, from Bombay and Inter-  
mediate Ports, and in conjunction with the  
BUKHARA and ZAMBESI, from Lon-  
don, are hereby notified that their Goods are  
being landed and stored at their risk in the  
Company's Godowns, at West Point,  
whence delivery can be obtained from this  
date.

Goods not delivered by the 27th instant  
will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded by the  
following Steamer, unless notice to the  
contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

A. McIVER,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1877. ja27

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOIT SAIGON.

The French Steamer  
"FRANCOIS I.",  
Captain LECHEURE, will be  
despatched for the above Port  
on or about the 30th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
AH YON,  
Praya, No. 67.

Hongkong, January 23, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to sell by Public Auction, on  
THURSDAY,

the 26th January, 1877, at the Residence  
of E. LILLEY, Esq., No. 1, Stanley Street,  
at 2 p.m., the whole of his HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE.

Also,  
A Splendid COTTAGE PIANO,  
by PLEYEL.

See Catalogues.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All  
lots, with all faults and errors of description,  
at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the  
hammer.

J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1877. ja25

## GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell  
by Public Auction, in their Sale  
Room, Praya Central, on

## FRIDAY,

the 26th January, 1877, at Noon.—  
An Invoice of JOHN GOSNELL & CO.'s  
PERFUMERY, comprising: Cut Glass  
Toilet Bottles with Assorted Scent, Egg  
Bouquet, Jockey Club, Lavender Water,  
Cologne Water, Toilet and Shaving Soaps,  
Marking Ink, Hair Brushes, Cloth and  
Hat Brushes, Violet Powder, Toilet  
Vinegar, Hair Dye.

50 cases Gin, Cock mark.  
100 Gross Flaming Fuses.  
4 cases Safety Matches.  
10 tins Carriage Varnish.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.  
The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of  
description, at purchaser's risk on the  
fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, January 23, 1877. ja25

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessel, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:—

VESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks.  
—Melschers & Co.

MADAME DEMORET, British barque, Capt. C. H. Bessit.—Gibb, Livingston  
& Co.

BETHEOVEN, German barque, Captain  
R. Haje.—Melschers & Co.

BRIDGEPORT, British barque, Captain  
E. W. Crisp.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

FLYING CLOUD, British barque, Captain  
H. Williams.—Turner & Co.

IRENE, German schooner, Captain O.  
Hansen.—Carlowitz & Co.

HANTS COUNTY, British barque, Captain  
G. W. Cochran.—Meyer & Co.

CEYLON, American bark, Capt. E. Kelly.

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E.  
B. Blaker.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Jan. 23, DIOMED, British steamer, 1240,  
Jackson, Shanghai Jan. 17, and Foochow  
20, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

## DEPARTURES.

Jan. 22, Achilles, for Shanghai.  
23, for Ningpo and Shanghai.

## CLEARED.

Formosa, for Keelung.  
Norma, for Swatow.  
Douglas, for Coast Ports.  
Killarney, for Saigon.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per DIOMED, from Shanghai, &c.; for  
Hongkong, Mr. A. Rothwell and 23 Chi-  
nese. For London, Mr. W. G. Stronach  
and child.

DEPARTED.

Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per Douglas, for Coast Ports, 4 Euro-  
peans, and 123 Chinese.

Per Killarney, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer DIOMED reports:  
Had moderate monsoon and fine weather  
all the passage.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For TOURON.—

For Schooner IRENE, at 11.30 a.m. To-  
morrow, the 24th inst.

For MANILA.—

Per CASSANDRA, at 1.30 p.m. To-  
morrow, the 24th inst., instead of as pre-  
viously notified.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ,  
AND LONDON.—

Per ALTONA, at 1.30 p.m. on Wednes-  
day, the 24th inst., instead of as pre-  
viously notified.

For SINGAPORE, SUEZ & LONDON.—

Per DIOMED, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow,  
the 24th inst.—Will carry the Torres  
Straits Mail as previously notified.

For SAIGON.—

Per Barque MARQUIS OF ARGYLL,  
at 4 p.m. To-morrow, the 24th inst.

For MANILA.—

Per Brig SAN LORENZO, at 3.30 p.m.  
on Thursday, the 26th inst.

For BANGKOK.—

Per Brig FLYING CLOUD, at 8  
p.m. on Thursday, the 26th inst.

Per RAJANATTIANUHAR, at 5 p.m.  
on Tuesday, the 30th inst.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet MEIKONG,  
will be despatched on THURSDAY,  
the 26th instant, with  
Mails to and through the United  
Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles;  
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle,  
Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania,  
Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion,  
Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to India  
by this Packet, but can be paid only  
as far as Ceylon. The postage to  
Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters  
should be marked *Post to Galle only*;  
they will go from Galle as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 24th Inst.

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes. Post  
Office closes except the NIGHT BOX,  
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 25th Inst.

7 a.m.—Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m.—Registration of Letters ceases.

11 a.m.—Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters.

(11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)  
addressed to the United Kingdom,  
Saigon, or Singapore may be posted  
on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents  
extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.)

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet KHIVA,  
will be despatched with the Mails  
for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY,  
the 1st February.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 31st Inst.

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m.—Post Office closes except the NIGHT  
BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 1st Inst.

7 a.m.—Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m.—Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters. Registration of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with  
LATE FEE of 18 cents extra  
to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)  
addressed to the United Kingdom  
via Br

tors, with your concurrence, propose to distribute of this amount amongst the shareholders a dividend of \$2.50 per share, thus absorbing a sum of \$4,045 and to write the balance of \$2,783.98 off "Hotel and Furniture" account.

**Directors.**—On the departure of Mr. S. E. Burrows from the Colony, Mr. O. H. Burrows was elected to the vacant seat. Mr. C. P. Chater has resigned his seat, and according to Section 82 of the Articles of Association two of the Directors, Messrs E. R. Bellios and O. H. Burrows, retire from the Board, but are eligible for re-election.

**Auditors.**—Messrs H. Smith and A. E. Vanover, the retiring Auditors, are recommended by the Directors for re-election.

A. ANDRE, Chairman.

(*L. & C. Express, Dec. 8.*)

The Medway, one of the six double-screw iron gunboats of 836 tons which have been constructed by Messrs Palmer, of Jarrold, and engine by Messrs Hawthorn, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was tried on the measured mile in Stokes Bay last week by the Portsmouth Steam Reserve. The trial was not a complete success, as in consequence of the failure on the part of the boilers to afford the requisite steam, the indicated horse-power fell considerably short of the contract power (310 horses). These gunboats, which are intended exclusively for river service, are 110ft. between perpendiculars, and have an extreme breadth of 35ft. a moulded breadth of 33ft. 10in., and an estimated draught of 5ft. 8in. forward and 6ft. aft. Their breadth of beam is extreme when taken in relation with their length, and their depth of hold is so shallow that their midship section is almost a true oval. They have overhanging sides, which enable them to sit in the water like a duck, and secures great stability and buoyancy. They are also provided with bow rudder, which materially aids to their activity, and prevents them from having to turn in cramped situations. They are well divided into watertight compartments by means of longitudinal and thwartship bulkheads; a middle-line bulkhead running nearly throughout the entire hull, thus dividing a boiler and a pair of engines completely from the other set. Two transverse bulkheads also separate the engines and stokeholes from the other parts of the ship in a fore and aft direction. This type of gun-boat carries three 64-pounder guns. Two are mounted under a raised forecastle, while the other, a chase gun, is placed at the stern. The two forward guns work upon slides, and are trained through a couple of ports each. The bow ports afford a direct fire ahead and also a fire at an angle of 10 deg. in one direction and 67 deg. in another; while the ports at the side give a direct thwartship fire, and enable the guns to be trained to an angle of 26 deg. and 68 deg. The vessels will also carry a Gatting gun.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)

23rd January, 1877.

#### SHOPLIFTING.

Chun A Kit, a coolie, was charged with having gone into a second-hand clothes shop and abstracted therefrom a pair of shoes under the pretext of buying clothes. He was caught with the shoes in his possession. He was sent to one month's hard labour.

#### SADDLING THE WRONG HORSE.

Cheong Aloo, a farmer, was charged with cutting down a guava tree at Stanley. He was said to be cutting up the trunk, and was gathering sticks at the time he was arrested by the Chinese Constable. The defendant, on the other hand, denied that he was the man who cut it down; the person who had done it fled on the arrival of the Police, and he was watching his garden when arrested. He was prepared to prove his innocence by witnesses. The case was consequently adjourned to enable him to do so.

#### THE CATTLE PLAGUE.

The Master of the Lin-on-cattle Lin was summoned by Inspector Orley, for having sent a heifer to the Slaughter House to be slaughtered which was in a diseased state. The Inspector examined the animal, and found that it was bad with pneumonia. The disease had, however, just broken out in the animal and was consequently very difficult to detect. The defendant readily did what the Inspector told him to do and removed the animal without any demur. He owned a large cattle Lin at West Point, but the animals there appeared to be healthy. The pneumonia was now raging in the Colony, but the Inspector had the assistance of an intelligent Constable, and there was no possibility of any diseased meat being able to find its way into the market. The case was adjourned till the 23rd inst. for observation.

The master of the Hop Cheung Lin was also summoned for a similar offence. His case was precisely the same as that of the previous defendant, and it was likewise adjourned.

#### SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr Justice SNOWDEN.)

January 23, 1877.

Lee See Hing v. Lee Kut, \$50.00.—This case was heard the last Court day, and was a claim for Ching's attorney and other things supplied to the defendant. His Lordship gave judgment to-day in favour of the plaintiff. He could not credit the defendant's story of the payment of \$50 by his son.

Mr Denys appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. W. E. for the defendant.

Lee Hing and another v. Lum Fat, \$60.00.—This was a claim for a quantity of tiles and bricks supplied to the defendant. After a deal of evidence *pro et con*, the defendant denying that he was the man to whom the goods were supplied, His Lordship gave judgment to-day in favour of the plaintiff.

Mr Holmes appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Denys for the defendant.

Monson v. T. L. Bowler, \$12.—This was a claim by a Portuguese woman for one month's rent. The defendant denied that he owed anything. He went to live with the plaintiff at her lodgings in No. 21, Mosque Junction, paying \$8 a month; the plaintiff reserved one room for herself in the house. He had paid up to the time he left, but the plaintiff asserted that the defendant left without notice and that she was subsequently entitled to one month's

rent. In December last she had asked the defendant when it would be convenient for him to leave the house, as she did not wish to have lodgers; but if he did not, she could have the whole house at \$12 a month; she meanwhile removing to a relation's to live. To this the defendant replied that he would leave shortly, as he expected to go away from the Colony. The plaintiff was then alleged to have said that he could leave any time he liked, as he had no fear of the house being let, or she might occupy it herself. The plaintiff denied that she had ever said so, but the defendant produced a witness, his own servant who stated that he was present at the conversation and he heard her say so. His Lordship nonsuited the plaintiff.

#### IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Lordship Chief Justice Sir JOHN SNAPE.)

January 23, 1877.

Browne *v.* Another v. Albor, & Another, \$12,307.92.

The following are the Special Jurors:—Messrs A. Newton, H. Hoppus, H. Cope, H. L. Dalrymple, O. Kahn, T. G. Williamson, and F. D. Saeson.

Mr Russell, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller, and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiffs.

The Hon. the Acting Attorney General (Mr Phillipps), and Mr Kingsmill, instructed by Mr. Brenton, appeared for the defendants.

The Hon. the Attorney General continued his argument. He read also from the book of correspondence. Coming to the interest account, he observed that the first item was dated 24th January, whereas the contracts were made in December. If it was intended that the defendant should pay the bargain-money the plaintiffs would have charged them in the amounts mentioned. This was the strongest evidence that the plaintiffs did not intend to charge the defendants with the bargain money, as shown by the absence of any item for interest until the 24th January 1874. Referring to the defendants' letter of the 26th May, in which they declined to pay the plaintiffs their claim of \$4,206.11 for demurrage and difference on freight per ton, the Attorney General said the defendants were misled by the plaintiffs' representation to charter the *Walton*, and had it not been for such representation, they would have made other arrangements. They were led to believe under a guarantee given by Browne & Co. both by telegram and letter, that there would be a full cargo for the *Walton*. Under the circumstances he thought the defendants were justified in not paying the bill for this amount, not being responsible for the consequences of the transaction. Business was now transacted very rapidly, and the telegraph had revolutionised the whole system of business now-a-days. A cargo of goods might have been sold to arrive before they were shipped, or even before they were bought, and merchants now-a-days looked more to rapid sales and small profits rather than large profits and long delays in the days of sailing vessels. Referring to a letter of the 30th May from the plaintiffs to the defendants, in which they said that the claim against the Japanese contractors on account of the rice was about \$30,000, but that there might be some slight deduction; "besides this (they added) we are ourselves liable to a loss of \$5,500 for bargain money paid in December last, which we have not asked you to refund us, but of which course we have up to the present time received nothing." This contemplated that the defendants were not to pay any bargain money, the plaintiffs themselves were alone responsible, being advances on their account and not on the defendants.

The correspondence having been gone through, the Attorney General reviewed the evidence given by Mr MacPherson, and said that the advance of the bargain money without taking security was not the proper way to do business. He thought the custom was not a reasonable custom, and should not be conformed to. As to the first contract, the plaintiffs were guilty of negligence in allowing some of the rice to remain in the godown of the Japanese beyond the time for delivery. As to the alleged custom, he contended it had not been established, as Mr MacPherson had said that he had only asked two or three persons on the subject, and this only after his own difficulty had happened, and this would not constitute an established custom. As to Mr Satow's evidence on the point, he could not speak to the Japanese law on the subject, and he was not in a position to speak as to the commercial usage. As to the *Walton*, there was no evidence that she was fully loaded and the alluvion to the Captain was excessive. He contended that the defendants were not responsible for any losses in regard to her, but if the Jury thought they were, they were only so to a reduced amount.

The evidence taken by commission at Kobe for the defence was then put in and read. The evidence was given before H. B. M. Vice Consul, Mr Annesley at Osaka, and a Dutch merchant, who had been in Japan since 1859, testified that he knew of no difference in the mode of dealing in rice and other produce. It was not the custom to give advances as bargain money to the Japanese unless the goods were either on board ship or in godown, and then only on good security. He did not hear of any such advances in Nagasaki, but there were a few such cases in Kobe in small purchases. The witness, in cross-examination, admitted that he had been in prison for breaking consular seals. Another witness was also examined. He said advances were not necessary, though they had been made, but there was no regular custom for making them. If advances were made without any special agreement, he should consider they were made on his own account, and not on that of his principal. He considered it unsafe to charter a ship before the goods were secured, as the Japanese frequently backed out of their engagements. In cross-examination, he said payment in money was necessary in order to prevent the Japanese from breaking their contracts, 1 ton per cent of the total amount of the purchase money was generally paid by strangers, but smaller amounts were required from previous known dealers. Witness was not personally acquainted with the rice trade. A Japanese was examined, and he deposed that there was no regular rule as to contracts between Japanese and foreigners. Sometimes bargain money was paid and sometimes not. Rice could be purchased without advances.

The Court was then adjourned till day after to-morrow at 10.30 a.m., when Mr. Meyer would be called.

TRADE OF MANILA.

The Manila *Comercio*, in its issue of the 15th instant, published a full return of exports from the Philippines during the year 1876. The export from Manila, in a lump, shows a considerable increase, which was far more satisfactory than that of the two previous years, or since 1872. The depressed state of things was owing to the little attention paid to its preparation for the market, while in the year just passed the products seem to have been treated with less disregard. The export in 1872 was \$19,924 piculs; and in 1874 it was further decreased to 405,186 piculs; while in 1875 was 452,013 piculs; and in 1876 was further decreased to 405,186 piculs; while in 1876 it suddenly rose to 551,220 piculs, being 146,314 piculs of an increase as compared with the previous year. The value of the export in 1876 is valued at \$8,650,980. Sugar also shows a great increase compared with the five previous years. This is accounted for by the high rates of the market since the middle of 1876. That of 1872 was \$80,728 piculs; 1873 was \$715,062; 1874 was 1,011,963; 1875 was 1,271,565; and in 1876 the export was 1,370,100, which was valued at \$6,169,720.

The report from Cebu of hemp shows 75,246 piculs, valued at \$517,988, against 105,774 in 1875, a decrease of about 27,000, owing, no doubt, to the considerably larger export of this article from Manila and other islands, in 1876, which is 104,896 piculs above that of 1875. In sugar, a very small business has also been done during the year; the export only shows 150,986 piculs, valued at \$679,457, against 169,976 piculs in 1876; the largest export since 1872 was that of 1874, which shows no less than 234,466 piculs.

Hemp exported from Iloilo in 1876 is reported to 982 piculs, valued at \$5,500; against 14,872 piculs in 1875. Sugar also shows a decrease to the extent of 6,935 piculs compared with 1875, being in 1876 only 572,168 piculs, and valued at \$2,574,711.

The total exports and its values from the ports of Manila, Cebu and Iloilo in 1876 aggregated 630,728 piculs hemp valued at \$4,175,418; and Sugar to 2,003,994 piculs valued at \$9,419,868.

The total number of vessels that entered Manila harbour during 1876 was 1—Spanish 104, tonnage 44,755; British 86, tonnage 68,337; American 86, tonnage 43,236; German 17, tonnage 42,278; French 10, tonnage 6,884; Norwegian 3, tonnage 1,741; Dutch 1, tonnage 1,689; Italian 1, tonnage 925. Total number of vessels of all nationalities, 268 i aggregate 177,375 tons.

#### China.

FOCCHOW.

(*Herald*, Jan. 18.)

The Canton Joss House narrowly escaped destruction by fire on the evening of the 16th instant. The kitchen and other out-houses were burnt down, but, by great care, the flames were prevented from reaching the main building.

A rather extensive fire took place in the South-Western Suburb on the night of the 11th instant. About one hundred houses were destroyed; but, so far as we can learn, the actual loss of property was, fortunately, small; and we do not hear of any loss of life.

H. M.'s S. *Hornet* will, we understand, leave almost immediately for Tamsui, and thence to Hongkong, there to be re-commissioned. The *Hornet*'s term of service at this port has been of unusually short duration, but during her brief stay on the station her commander and officers have become deservedly popular.

We notice that Messrs Hedge & Co. have been appointed Agents at this port for the Imperial Japanese Post office, and that they will make up a mail bag by each Shanghai Steamer, for Japan, America, and Europe. Registration of China letters can be effected only at Shanghai. Postage stamps may be obtained from Messrs Hedge & Co.

It is to be regretted that the Road Committee should meet with such persistent opposition from a section of the native population. Great improvements have, no doubt, been effected of late, and the roads are particularly well kept; but the numerous graves are an insuperable difficulty in the way of further extension. About three weeks ago, the lower road leading to the Five Courts was suddenly obstructed by two newly-made graves—in a manner calculated to convey an idea that a little "squeezing" on the part of petty district officials is contemplated.

The Ball given by the members of the Race Club on Monday night, the 16th inst., was an appropriate sequel to the successful Race Meeting recorded in our last issue. Under the skilful direction of the Stewards, the large reading room of the Club was completely transformed, and afforded ample space for the numerous guests—including a large proportion of the fair sex. The Supper Room was also a marvel in the way of transformation, and the profuse decorations and display of valuable racing plates, trophies of many a turf victory—elicited very general and warm admiration.

Side by side with the Proclamation against the *Yihuan* Outrage (noticed in our last issue) may be seen an Edict by the Prefect and Magistrates, forbidding street gambling. Both documents are we think equally valuable as deterrent instruments. To sin is pleasant, and the indulgences of Mandarin domes are not likely, in the present state of affairs, to greatly affect the public mind. It would not be so very difficult to prevent the murder of British officials—by the exercise of a more powerful argument than mere paper "talks-talks!" but the suppression by edict in a country where there is no approach to what we foreigners term *morality*. And it is only fair to add that in the distant West, where the voice of the people is really suppressed, the voice of God, gambling in many forms is still rampant.

A numerously attended Meeting of Members of the Foochow Bells Club was held at the Club-House on Friday last, the 12th instant. Mr. Paterson occupied the chair. The principal question to decide was the choice of a weapon, and it was unanimously agreed that the breech-loading carbines, kindly supplied by the Colonial Government of Hongkong should be adopted for general use. Practices at this will be held, we are informed, commence almost immediately. In order to prevent accidents it was decided that Members of the Club should, for the present, practice at the range in squads, each squad being under the command of a

committee-man. It was further agreed upon, that the Shanghai Rifle Club should be communicated with—in order to the obtaining of a basis on which to form a set of rules.

**Cricketiana.**—An impromptu match was played at the Tarter Camp yesterday. The weather, all that could be desired, attracted a fair number of cricketers; and all things considered, the play was good. Messrs. Deacon, Sanderson, Phipps, and Baker especially distinguished themselves at the wickets—making excellent scores. Messrs. Sanderson and Phipps also showed capital fielding and bowling. To prove that this old English sport has special charms, we may mention the fact of an old player—a well-known resident—having been induced to handle the willow after a retirement of eighteen years. It may also be recorded that a young and popular son of Germany made his debut in the cricketing world with marked success. We are glad to learn that arrangements are being made to re-establish the vigorous and manly amusement as one of our local institutions.

It is very generally believed that one of Li Hung-chang's pet schemes is to bolster up native trading companies by State aid, and thereby cripple foreign enterprise. The idea is comprehensive enough from a Chinese point of view, and we are prepared to admit that perhaps His Excellency is actuated by disinterested and purely patriotic, though certainly unsound, motives. The China Merchants Steam Company is simply a Government Corporation, drawing large subsidies from an already impoverished Imperial Treasury. This trumped-up Company now seems to meditate a monopoly of the Yangtze carrying trade; and we hear that it has successfully concluded negotiations for the purchase of the S. S. N. Co.'s fleet of river steamers. With the command of a large steam fleet, it is no doubt fondly imagined that the clauses in the Chefoo Convention—providing for the opening of the Upper Yangtze—will become a dead letter so far as foreigners are concerned. But the idea is visionary, and will, we are sure, be dispelled in time. Another scheme, with the same drift, is the establishment of a Native Trading Company—with branches at Shanghai, Foochow, Canton, and London. Foreigners are to be rigidly excluded from its management and share list, though, if rumour is to be credited, foreign capital in the shape of a preliminary loan will not be rejected; while it is hoped that special commercial privileges will be accorded to it by the Imperial Government. It remains to be seen how far successful this new undertaking will prove in the long run. Our own impression is that the Chinese are good pedlers, but poor merchants, and the new project, being based on false principles, will be unremunerative to its promoters.

**Soochow.**—Since Friday, the 12th instant, the weather has been truly wintry. Up to that time the ice which one saw occasionally was never thicker than an ordinary pane of glass, and it always disappeared before noon. Last Friday it actually snowed an inch of snow fell, and some of it yet remains unmelted. In places where the water in the canal was stagnant, ice was formed on Friday, and each day since then it has increased in thickness and now it is in some places strong enough to bear a man's weight. But where the water is continually in motion there is no ice at all, so that thus far the frost has not interfered with transportation.—*Shanghai Courier*,

#### Japan.

(*Japan Mail*.)

The *Taihei Maru* returned no Saturday from the Bonin Islands, and reports that on the way down from this port the vessel stopped at the island of Fatsisio to land the Governor, but experienced some difficulty in finding a suitable spot for doing so, as there are no good anchorages to be found there, nor a convenient landing place. During their stay at the island the Russian gun-boat *Haidamak* put in disabled, having encountered a cyclone about 600 miles to the eastward of the islands, during which she lost her mast and sustained other damage, besides having used up the greater part of her coal. She left again for Shanghai, having taken in a quantity of firewood and after some few days detention. At the Bonin Islands the *Taihei Maru* landed some forty Japanese officials and others who went there to take formal possession on behalf of the Japanese Government, and to form the nucleus of a colony.

The increasing use of ice during the summer months by the residents of the capital has developed a new form of industry in the neighbourhood. All over the country between this port and Tokio may be seen small ponds specially arranged for the collection of ice. They are screened from the sun by straw mats, so that ice to the thickness of two or three inches speedily forms, which is sawn into slabs about 18 inches square and stored in ice-houses until there is a demand for it. As the pond water of which this ice is formed is none of the cleanest, it is more likely that the consumption of it will propagate disease in some form or another, but it is, unfortunately, much more likely that no amount of warning will prevent the

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Hongkong, January 10, 1877. j425



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